

Dear Patriot,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and to all Americans. It is once again time for our weekly update, as the weeks just continue to fly past.

Next week at this time I shall be back "in the box" - that's what we in the military refer to as being in the combat zone, Afghanistan. It has been three and a half years since I left Kandahar and I am truly looking forward to returning and being with our men and women in uniform.

Now that "Weinergate" is over with, I look forward to the focus returning to what it should be- the pressing issues of the day for America, and there continue to be many.

Let me start by clearing the air about some foolishness from this past week. My being invited to a meeting at the Broward County Commission offices should hardly constitute my being termed a "lobbyist." (However, some in the press want you to think differently) Broward County owns the Bank Atlantic Center and I was invited to listen to a proposal to enhance the arena and make it more competitive with other venues in South Florida, ultimately bringing jobs and pumping money into our economy. My duty as a Congressional Representative is to listen and make assessments.

As the meeting ended and I was departing, I only figured it proper to show my respect to Broward Mayor Gunzberger and inform her of my visit. As well, we discussed other projects which she has recommended for my attention and support, and this past week Mayor Gunzberger's team visited us on Capitol Hill to discuss the progress on these projects and where I needed to put more emphasis. And no, I did not shut the door on them and call them nasty "lobbyists" since they are seeking to improve the quality of life and economic development for Broward County, a vision I share.

Then it seems there are some who wanted to find something wrong with me diving with a group of combat Veterans, some disabled, with the Diveheart program. It appears that my taking a U.S. flag down to a sunken wreck (artificial reef) for us all to take pictures and video just riled up some idiot Liberals looking for anything to criticize when it comes to me. Well, doggone sorry,

perhaps next time I will put on a tie-dyed shirt and jeans, dance around singing anti-war, anti-American songs, and burn a flag. Perhaps that would endear me to the delusional dummies out there who are probably just jealous because they cannot dive to 80 ft into a hard current and proudly carry an American flag. What a bunch of losers!

Speaking of losers, has anyone seen the Code Pink crowd? It would seem appropriate for them to be out in force since we have a violation of the War Powers Act of 1973 on our hands. The President has stated this law does not apply to him since Libya is not a "war" and our men and women are not "in harm's way" and no one is shooting at them. Tell that to their families, Mr. President. We are on the verge of a Constitutional crisis and my recommendation is that Congress cut off funding for this foray into idiocy founded upon insidious mission creep. We should also request a House Armed Services hearing requiring the Secretary of Defense, Chairman of Joint Chiefs, and the President himself to testify and explain their actions.

Hey Code Pink, your new name is Code Yellow, as in cowards, for you are nothing more than a group of misguided partisan sycophants devoid of principle, integrity, and character.

We are also becoming more aware of the reckless and irresponsible actions of the Obama administration in the conduct of Operation Fast and Furious. We now know the Obama Justice Department oversaw an operation whereby weapons were flooded into the Mexican drug cartel resulting in the death of a U.S. Border Patrol agent by one of these weapons.

We know certain agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) sent up warning signs on this operation which went unheeded. The time for discussion is over. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder must resign, and anything less is unacceptable!

Along the same lines, it seems the Obama Administration is also showing its colors when it comes to support of labor unions. The suit filed by the National Labor Relations Board, in the case of Boeing moving a plant operation to the right-to-work state of South Carolina, is unconscionable. Since when does the federal government dictate to a private sector corporation where it can establish its operations? Oops, sorry, rhetorical question there. Ever since we got the President CEO-in-Chief Barack Hussein Obama, the rules of the free market/free enterprise have changed. Just ask a former auto industry CEO.

For us here in Florida, just let me remind you, we are a right-to-work state as well. So go git 'em Governor Nikki Haley!

Lastly, even though outgoing Secretary of Defense Gates believes all nations lie to each other, do allies arrest each other's informants as we saw Pakistan arrest five CIA informants this week?

And just when it seems everyone had forgotten Army Major Malik Nidal Hassan - who still has not been brought to trial -we now have naturalized Ethiopian Marine Reserve Lance Corporal Yonathan Melaku who has been arrested in a Pentagon terrorist scare. Never forget the U.S. Army after action report from the shooting at Ft. Hood- it never mentioned Islamic terrorism, jihadism, or Muslim extremism or infiltration.

History has a wicked way of teaching repetitive lessons to those who fail to learn from it.

Legislative Update:

- FY 2012 Military Construction–Veterans Affairs (MilCon/VA) Appropriations – On Tuesday, June 14, the House approved H.R. 2055 by a vote of 411-5, I voted YES. The bill would include a total of \$72.5 billion in discretionary funding, which is \$615 million below last year's level and \$1.2 billion below the President's fiscal year 2012 request. Much of the savings in the bill are the result of the expected decline in funding requirements to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, as well as significant reductions from construction cost savings.

- FY 2012 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations – On Thursday, June 16, the House approved H.R. 2112 by a vote of 217-203, I voted YES. The bill would provide a total of \$17.25 billion in non-emergency, discretionary budget authority in FY 2012 for government programs funded through the Agriculture and Rural Development Appropriations Act. The bill would represent a decrease of \$2.67 billion or 13 percent below the FY 2011 funding level and a reduction of \$5.03 billion or 22 percent below the President's request. H.R. 2112 meets and surpasses House Republican's pledge by bringing discretionary budget authority for Agriculture and related agencies down to nearly FY 2006 spending levels.

There were some 40 amendments to this piece of legislation and there are those who questioned my NO vote on Rep. Steve King's amendment on Pigford. I accept full responsibility for not doing a complete due diligence and personal research on this amendment. I am mortal and a fallible human being who seeks to do his best daily, and improve as such.

Highlights of the Week:

- Monday, 13 June: Participated in a CBS town hall meeting on the economy at the Washington D.C. Newseum along with Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina, and Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma. The event was aired the following Tuesday morning. To watch the town hall, [click here](#).

- Tuesday, 14 June: Participated in a Small Business subcommittee hearing on the new proposed "Hours of Service" trucking rules and the impact on small business and the trucking industry.

Met with Bill Fleming, President of Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Met with Mr. Peter Freeman, VP, Financial Services Roundtable to discuss the proposed new Patent Reform Bill and section 18, business method patent review process. I have some concerns about this piece of legislation.

Addressed the Transatlantic Terrorism Advocacy Group led by Dr. Walid Phares. There were some 15 representatives in attendance from European Union member countries.

Addressed the American Logistics Associations government relations forum. These are the primary supporters of our Military Commissary, Exchange, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) programs.

Closed out the day as a keynote speaker for the Association of Builders and Contractors Free Enterprise Alliance reception.

And in the middle of all that, it was Flag Day and the 236th US Army birthday, and made the official Army celebration in the Capitol Visitors Center. Ate some good ole Army birthday cake! Hooah, Airborne!!

- Wednesday, 15 June: Began the day addressing Rep. Aaron Schock of Illinois, Chamber of Commerce fly-in at the Library of Congress.

Attended the House Armed Services classified briefing on operations and intelligence in the Middle East.

Addressed Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas' Leadership and Growth Program and Texas Leadership Forum (all High School seniors).

Addressed the conservative Paul Weyrich lunch group on Capitol Hill, truly an honor for a freshman Congressman.

Attended a full hearing of the Small Business committee on "Lifting the weight of Regulations".

Attended a House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on Al Qaeda in Yemen.

Met with and gave an update brief to the Florida East Coast Chapter of the Association of Builders and Contractors.

Closed out the day with a fantastic dinner meeting with Mr. Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council. He even had black-eyed peas!

- Thursday, 16 June: Conducted a TV interview on the Securities and Exchange decision to enforce the Securities Investors Protection Act for the victims of the Stanford ponzi scheme which affected many in our Congressional district. See the TV News Story on the issue [here](#) .

Met with the Broward County legislative affairs team to discuss progress of projects on concern.

Met with best friend Simeon Terry who was in D.C. for the National Association of Minority Contractors annual legislative meeting. We discussed issues affecting him and his small business growth.

Met with Barney Bishop and Tom Kennedy of the Association of Industries in Florida about Florida manufacturing and growth.

Conducted a phone call to Director Kappos of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the new Patent Reform Bill. We had a good discussion but there are still concerns I have about the "international" standards in patenting with which this legislation seeks to align.

- Friday, 17 June: Jumped on a 0600am Jet Blue flight from LaGuardia back to Ft. Lauderdale and spoke at the Coast Guard Station Ft. Lauderdale Change of Command. What an honor to have the opportunity to participate in this time-honored military tradition!

From there proceeded to address the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the new B Ocean Hotel. I hope many will sign up for the Ft. Lauderdale Chamber D.C. fly-in in November.

Closed out the day being the keynote speaker and dinner table guest of Rolly Marine Corporation, at the 50th anniversary celebration dinner of the Marine Industry of South Florida. Our vision is simple, to make South Florida the preeminent leader in the global marine industry!

- Saturday, 18 June: After a grueling hot and humid 10 mile run, attended the "Welcome Aboard" event for new U.S. Naval Academy Cadets and their families. Then hopped on the ole motorcycle and attended the Hard Rock Casino Veteran's Event.

- Sunday, 19 June: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS OUT THERE!

In closing, this past week President Obama was in North Carolina, Florida, and Puerto Rico, and golfing with Speaker Boehner. Perhaps someone should forward this weekly update to the President and show him how much he could do just staying in the White House and coming up with viable long term economic solutions for our America, the greatest nation the world shall ever know!

Steadfast and Loyal

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